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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

VIA: Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director, Planning and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: Follow-On to IG(Space) Meeting

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1. Rear Admiral Poindexter sent a memorandum on 23 February to all IG(Space) members as a follow-on to the last IG(Space) meeting. RADM Poindexter's memorandum includes a terms of reference (TOR) which provides an approach to completing the National Space Strategy and, barring "...major objections . . ." to the TOR, establishes a meeting of the drafting team for 2 March at 0900. Gil Rye is to chair the drafting team. [REDACTED]

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2. The proposed response for your signature agrees with the TOR only if the intent is to write a strategy that would provide mission guidance/priorities to the civil-commercial sector with DCI priorities directed at the interface with the civil-commercial activities. This approach resolves the difficulties we have had from the beginning over the incompatibility and artificial nature of strategy direction to national security where space is not a mission, which it is with NASA. We believe the intent is to focus the NSDD on civil-commercial space activities as the TOR specifies that "...The NSDD will build upon the three civil/commercial priorities for space announced by the President in his State of the Union address..." We also suggested a more formalized IG(Space)-SIG(Space) review process to ensure that the final NSDD goes to the President with as few issues to be resolved as possible. [REDACTED]

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3. The proposed response explains our reasons for agreeing to a civil-oriented strategy while simultaneously specifying the issues we would have with the TOR should the NSDD expand beyond the civil approach. We call for an IG(Space) meeting to gain consensus on the approach to the NSDD should the NSC Staff desire to expand the NSDD. This is consistent with the approach being taken by the DoD. [REDACTED]

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4. Finally, given that RADM Poindexter has no perspective on our views and history with regard to the National Space Strategy, we recommend that you, [redacted] meet in a closed door session with RADM Poindexter. Otherwise, his view will likely remain heavily biased by that of the NSC Staff. [redacted]

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